Cazcan language

Cazcan, or **Caxcan** (Kaskán), was the language of the Caxcan, one of the Chichimeca peoples of Mexico. It is known only from a few word lists recorded in the 16th and 17th centuries. The language was definitely part of the Uto-Aztecan family, probably related to Huichol or possibly Southern Tepehuan. There appear to have been dialectical differences between the major Caxcan valleys, and it is likely that several other languages were spoken in Caxcan territory.[1] Some spoke **Nahuatl** as well.

Among the few words attested are *cazcan* "there isn't any" (the response to the first Spanish demand for food), *yecotl* "quemedor", *aguano* "war chief".[2]

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Native to	Mexico
Ethnicity	Caxcan
Extinct	17th century?
Language family	Uto-Aztecan ▪ Corachol? ▪ **Cazcan**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	*None* (`mis`)
Linguist List	`0w2 (http://multitree.org/codes/0w2)`
Glottolog	*None*

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